



## Summer Camp:

### The Perfect Place to Experience Lots of Fun!

Camp is one of the best ways for an individual with autism to have fun, relax and take a break from a busy schedule during the summer. Once you have narrowed down your list of local camps to those that might meet your child's needs and interests, you can use the checklist below to help evaluate your options.

#### ABOUT THE CAMP

Does this camp have a history of accepting individuals with autism?

What percentage of campers have ASD?

Can they give you names of parents who can offer references?

Is there a community organization or parent group that can provide a rating/recommendation?

What, if any, therapeutic activities are offered? Does their program include: Activities of Daily Living, Behavior Management, Equestrian Therapy, Language Development, Occupational Therapy, Respite Care, Sensory Integration, or Social Skills Groups?

Do they have special needs standards?

Ask them for information on their safety protocols, emergency transportation procedures, insurance coverage, and missing camper emergency procedure.

#### GENERAL QUESTIONS

How does the camp describe itself? What type of Camp is offered? (day, residential (sleep away), weekend, other)

What is the camp's philosophy? Does the description of activities/structure match the philosophy?

What is the age range of campers?



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# Autism Speaks™ FAMILY SERVICES



Is the camp coed?

Is the camp affiliated with a well known local, state or national organization? Does it have a university affiliation?

What program activities are available to campers?

How many weeks is one camp session? For day camps, do they offer activities on the weekends?

What are the hours of day camp?

Does the camp provide transportation to and from the camp?

## STAFFING

Does the camp employ any special needs adults?

What types of training does the staff get for special needs children?

Does the camp permit an aide to accompany a camper?

What is the camper to staff ratio?

Are all staff members trained in First Aid and CPR?

Are licensed medical professionals available during camp session?

Can the camp carry out special medical procedures or required therapies for your child?

## FEES/CHARGES

What is the fee charged per camper?

Does the fee include transportation, food, special trips, and special projects?

Are there any additional charges?



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